



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 436	Assembly Amendment 1
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Current Law

Current law requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to advise towns, villages, cities, and counties with regard to the construction and maintenance of any highway or bridge, when requested.

Assembly Bill 436

Assembly Bill 436 allows a school board to request DOT to review the site plan of any proposed enlargement of school grounds, or proposed construction or enlargement of school buildings or facilities. To assist in its review of a site plan, DOT may request that the school board submit a transportation impact analysis of its proposed construction or enlargement. DOT is required to provide guidance to the school board on the laying out of sidewalks, bicycle paths and racks, roadways for vehicular traffic, school bus loading and unloading areas, and access to highways, in a manner that adequately protects children, insures motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle access to school grounds, and that minimizes any adverse impact of the school grounds, buildings or facilities on motor vehicle traffic. No school board is required to comply with DOT's recommendations and DOT is not responsible for any costs associated with implementation of its recommendations. DOT may not assess a fee for any of these services.

The bill also states that upon request of any school board, DOT must make available safety courses, educational materials, and other assistance related to assuring the convenience and safety of children and motor vehicle traffic in school zones. DOT may assess a fee, not to exceed its costs, for these services.

In addition, the bill requires DOT annually, after May 1 and before September 1, to provide each school board with written notice of DOT's obligations and available services under the bill.

The bill takes effect on January 1, 2003.

Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the provisions of the bill that relate to school boards to also include references to “the governing body of a private school.”

Legislative History

On September 20, 2001, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

On November 6, 2001, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and passed the bill as amended, both on voice votes.